

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A fixing structure of attaching a rod and a synthetic resin component ~~to, wherein~~ a forward end of a rod is attached by inserting the forward end of the rod into an insertion part of the rod of a synthetic resin component, wherein and

a rear inlet side of said the insertion part is widened of the rod is formed as a fitting and inserting region, and a rear side of the insertion part, which is formed to be wider than the fitting and inserting region, is formed as a containing region in which a forward end of the rod is contained, a stopper piece that protrudes protruding obliquely rearward of an inner surface of to the rear side of the insertion part containing region is provided within the rear side thereof containing region, on the other hand, a stopper recess for receiving a forward end of the stopper piece is formed on a side surface of the a forward end of the rod, and a position regulating part, on which the forward end of the rod is abutted during insertion of the rod, that regulates a position of the forward end of the rod is provided in a rear part of the containing region, on which a forward end of the rod is abutted insertion part.

2. (Original) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 1, wherein

the position regulating part is a pressing member that is a compression elastic body formed integrally with the synthetic resin component.

3. (Previously presented) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 1, wherein

an upper region of the synthetic resin component is formed into a frame by opening the rear side of the insertion part on both sides of the upper region of the synthetic resin component.

4. (Currently amended) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 1, wherein a protrusion is provided on the side surface of the forward end of the rod, and a fitting groove into which the protrusion is fitted is provided in an inner side surface of ~~an~~the inlet-side region of the insertion part of the synthetic resin component.

5. (Previously presented) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 1, wherein a flat surface is formed on an opposite side to the stopper recess on the side surface of the forward end of the rod, and a flat surface closely contacting with said flat surface is formed on the insertion part of the synthetic resin component.

6. (New) A fixed structure comprising a rod in combination with a synthetic resin component, the synthetic resin component comprising:

a component having an insertion part including a containing region at a closed rear end thereof, a rear side of the containing region including a stopper piece protruding obliquely from an inner surface of the rear side of the insertion part in the containing region toward the closed rear end, and a fitting and insertion region having an opening at a front end thereof for receiving the rod, the component including a position regulating part that closes the rear end of the component for regulating a position of a forward end of

the rod received in the containing region at the closed rear end; and

the rod comprising:

a rod having a stopper recess formed at a side surface at a forward end thereof,

wherein the fixed structure is formed by insertion of the forward end of the rod through the fitting and insertion region and into the containing region of the synthetic resin component, and by the forward end of the rod contacting the position regulating part of the component and the stopper recess of the rod receiving the stopper piece of the component to prevent longitudinal movement of the rod relative to the synthetic resin component.

7. (New) The fixed structure according to claim 6, the position regulating part comprising a compressible elastic body, the elastic body formed as an integral part of the synthetic resin component,

wherein the fixed structure includes the elastic body deformed by the forward end of the rod, with the elastic body applying a force against the forward end of the rod for seating the stopper piece in the stopper recess.

8. (New) The fixed structure according to claim 6, wherein the synthetic resin component forms a frame by widening of the rear sides of the insertion part within the containing region.

9. (New) The fixed structure according to claim 7, the rod including a protrusion along a length of the side surface at the forward end thereof, the synthetic resin component including a fitting groove along an inner side surface of the fitting and insertion region,

wherein the fixed structure is formed with the fitting groove receiving the protrusion of the rod.

10. (New) The fixed structure according to claim 7, the rod comprising a flat surface along a length of the side surface opposite to the side surface including the stopper recess, the synthetic resin component comprising a flat surface extending along an inner side surface of the fitting and insertion region,

wherein the fixed structure includes the rod at the flat surface thereof in close contact with the fitting and insertion region at the flat surface thereof.

11. (New) The fixed structure according to claim 6, the rod having an inclined surface at a tip of the forward end thereof, the inclined surface being longitudinally in alignment with the stopper recess,

wherein the inclined surface assists in movement of the rod along the length of the stopper piece during assembly of the fixed structure.

12. (New) The fixed structure according to claim 11, the rod having an abutment surface at a forward end of the stopper recess,

wherein a free end of the stopper piece of the synthetic resin component abuts the rod at the abutment surface thereof.

13. (New) The fixed structure according to claim 12, wherein the free end of the stopper piece of the synthetic resin component and the abutment surface of the stopper recess of the rod comprise flat surfaces.

14. (New) A fixing structure of a rod and a synthetic resin component, wherein a forward end of a rod is received by an insertion part of a synthetic resin component,

a front inlet end of the insertion part for receiving the rod comprising a fitting and inserting region, and a rear end of the insertion part comprises a containing region that is wider than the fitting and inserting region for receiving a forward end of the rod, the inserting part comprising a stopper piece within an inner side of the containing region protruding obliquely toward the rear end of the containing region, the rod comprising a stopper recess formed on a side surface at a forward end of the rod for receiving the stopper piece, and a position regulating part enclosing the rear end of the insertion part for regulating a position of the forward end of the rod, wherein the forward end of the rod abuts the position regulating part.

15. (New) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 14, wherein the position regulating part comprises a compression elastic body formed integrally with the synthetic resin component.

16. (New) The fixed structure according to claim 15, the rod having an inclined surface at a tip at the forward end thereof and the stopper recess having a flat abutment surface at a forward end thereof,

wherein an end of the stopper piece of the synthetic resin component having a flat surface, abuts the rod at the abutment surface thereof.

17. (New) The fixed structure according to claim 16, the rod comprising a flat surface along a length of the side surface opposite to the side surface including the stopper recess, the synthetic resin component comprising a flat

surface extending along an inner side surface of the fitting and insertion region,

wherein the fixed structure includes the rod at the flat surface thereof in close contact with the fitting and insertion region at the flat surface thereof.

18. (New) The fixed structure according to claim 16, the rod including a protrusion along a length of the side surface at the forward end thereof, the synthetic resin component including a fitting groove along an inner side surface of the fitting and insertion region,

wherein the fixed structure is formed with the fitting groove receiving the protrusion of the rod.